

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 4508

Toshifumi KIMBA et al.

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SUBSTRATE FILM THICKNESS
MEASUREMENT METHOD, SUBSTRATE
FILM THICKNESS MEASUREMENT
APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE
PROCESSING APPARATUS

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of August 8, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Species C without traverse for further prosecution. It is submitted that claims 29-33, 48-52 and 70-75 read on the elected species.

In view of the above election and amendments, a full examination on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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